

**CHAPTER NO. 933**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2571**

**By Burchett, Fowler, Trail**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2589**

**By Hagood, Mr. Speaker Naifeh, Godsey, McDaniel, Newton, Curtiss, Hargett, Ulysses Jones, Eldridge, Vincent, Hargrove, Brenda Turner, DuBois, Davis, Henri Brooks, Bittle, Wood, Pinion, Gresham, Shepard, Yokley, Litz, Sargent, Todd**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to license plates for disabled veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(U), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Handicapped Veteran;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Handicapped Veteran;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Handicapped veterans who are residents of Tennessee and who own or lease a motor vehicle in Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a "Handicapped Veteran" license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) Such plates shall bear the words "Handicapped Veteran" and a registration number composed of the prefix "HV" and a unique identifying number.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "handicapped veteran" means a veteran who has served in the United States Armed Forces, who is a resident of Tennessee, and who has a service-connected disability which is determined by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to constitute less than one hundred percent (100%) permanent total disability.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 20, 2004**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this    day of    2004**

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**PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR**

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 2571 in his possession longer than ten (10) days; therefore, the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.